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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to reduce the number of claims pending in the captioned application to 25 or less in conformance with the new Rules being implemented by the Office as of November 1, 2007, and to correct Paragraph [0001] of the specification. Accordingly, kindly amend the captioned application as follows:

In the Specification: Please replace Paragraph [0001] of the specification with the following amended Paragraph [0001]:

[0001] This application is a divisional of Serial No. 10/117,616, filed April 5, 2002, now USPN 6,806,365 issued October 19, 2004 which is a divisional of Serial No. 09/138,353, filed August 21, 1998, now USPN 6,455,550 issued September 24, 2002, which claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/056,929 filed August 22, 1997 and Provisional Application No. 60/094,591 filed July 28, 1998.

In the claims: Please cancel claims 12, 21, 25-29, 32 and 34-132. Applicants' remarks appear after the Claim Listing, at page 9.